

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:	BECKER, Guido) Art Unit: 2612
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REPLY BRIEF

This Reply Brief is submitted in response to the Examiner's Answer of April 14, 2010. Appellants respectfully request that these arguments be considered along with those provided in the Appeal Brief dated February 22, 2010.

In the Response to Argument section (10) of the Answer, the Examiner states that both the "3D and 2D images are recorded as part of an [optical] imaging system." However, by the Examiner's own statement in the same paragraph, "Mahbub discloses acquiring a 3 dimensional (3D) image and *processing it to receive a 2 dimensional (2D) representation*." (emphasis added). Appellant respectfully asserts that these two statements are contradictory in that the term "record" is relevantly defined as "To register (sound or images) in *permanent form* by mechanical or electrical means for reproduction." (Dictionary.com, emphasis added).

Accordingly, once the 3D image is *processed* as described by the Examiner (i.e. processed to receive a 2D representation), the received 2D representation ceases to be a *permanently registered* or recorded image. The 2D image of Mahbub is, in fact, exactly what the Examiner states it to be; a 2D *representation* received via processing of a previously recorded image. As such, Appellant respectfully submits that this "representation" as taught in Mahbub is contrary to Appellant's claimed situation image, which is recited in the claims as being a *recorded* image with 2D features (i.e. the claimed contours and edges) that are to be evaluated.

For the reasons cited above, Appellant respectfully submits that the rejections are improper. Reversal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. If there are any additional charges with respect to this Appeal or otherwise, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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